

SA 4173. Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DOMENICI, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. SCHUMER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 70, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2009 a including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2008 and 2010 through 2013; which was ordered to lie on the table, as follows:

On page 11, line 13, increase the amount by \$600,000,000.

On page 11, line 14, increase the amount by \$306,000,000.

On page 11, line 18, increase the amount by \$210,000,000.

On page 11, line 22, increase the amount by \$60,000,000.

On page 12, line 1, increase the amount by \$12,000,000.

On page 12, line 5, increase the amount by \$12,000,000.

On page 27, line 16, decrease the amount by \$600,000,000.

On page 27, line 17, decrease the amount by \$306,000,000.

On page 27, line 21, decrease the amount by \$210,000,000.

On page 27, line 25, decrease the amount by \$60,000,000.

On page 28, line 4, decrease the amount by \$12,000,000.

On page 28, line 8, decrease the amount by \$12,000,000.

SA 4174. Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mrs. MCCASKILL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 70, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2009 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2008 and 2010 through 2013; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING OVERSEAS CONTRACTING INTEGRITY REQUIREMENTS.

(a) FINDINGS.—The Senate makes the following findings:

(1) Overseas contracts pose a significant potential for fraud and abuse.

(2) Fraud against the Federal Government, whether it occurs domestically or abroad, should be detected and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

(3) On May 23, 2007, the Department of Justice requested amendments to the Federal Acquisition Regulation (referred to in this section as “FAR”) that would require Federal Government contractors to—

(A) have a code of ethics and business conduct;

(B) establish and maintain specific internal controls to detect and prevent improper conduct in connection with the award or performance of Federal Government contracts or subcontracts; and

(C) notify contracting officers without delay whenever the contractor had become aware of violations of Federal criminal law with regards to such contracts or subcontracts.

(4) The Department of Defense, the General Services Administration, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration issued a Federal Acquisition Regulation en-

titled, “Contractor Compliance Program and Integrity Reporting” (FAR Case 2007-006), on November 14, 2007.

(5) The rule proposed in the regulation issued on November 14, 2007, included a loophole that would exempt from such regulation any contract or subcontract to be performed entirely outside the United States.

(6) The Department of Justice objected to the inclusion of such new loophole in a letter to the General Services Administration dated January 14, 2008.

(7) The proposed rule is currently under review by the Office of Management and Budget and continues to include such new loophole for overseas contracts.

(b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) Federal Government contracts to be performed outside the United States should be subject to ethics, control, and reporting requirements that are the same, or at least as rigorous as those for contracts to be performed domestically; and

(2) any final rulemaking related to FAR Case 2007-006 should not exempt overseas contracts.

SA 4175. Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mr. COBURN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 70, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2009 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2008 and 2010 through 2013; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 69, after line 25, add the following:

SEC. 308. DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND FOR DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY NOT MEETING FEDERAL NEEDS.

The Chairman of the Senate Committee on the Budget may revise the allocations of a committee or committees, aggregates, and other levels in this resolution for one or more bills, joint resolutions, amendments, motions, or conference reports that results in the disposal of property (as defined under section 102(9) of title 40, United States Code) that is not meeting Federal Government needs and uses any profits or savings realized to reduce the deficit, by the amounts provided in such legislation for such purpose, provided that such legislation would not increase the deficit over either the period of the total of fiscal years 2008 through 2013 or the period of the total of fiscal years 2008 through 2018.

SA 4176. Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mr. COBURN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 70, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2009 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2008 and 2010 through 2013; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 69, after line 25, add the following:

SEC. 308. DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND FOR INCREASED USE OF RECOVERY AUDITS.

The Chairman of the Senate Committee on the Budget may revise the allocations of a committee or committees, aggregates, and other levels in this resolution for one or more bills, joint resolutions, amendments, motions, or conference reports that achieves savings by requiring that agencies increase their use of recovery audits authorized under subchapter VI of chapter 35 of title 31,

United States Code, (commonly referred to as the Erroneous Payments Recovery Act of 2001) and uses such savings to reduce the deficit, by the amounts provided in such legislation for such purpose, provided that such legislation would not increase the deficit over either the period of the total of fiscal years 2008 through 2013 or the period of the total of fiscal years 2008 through 2018.

SA 4177. Mr. BROWN (for Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. SPECTER, and Mr. LIEBERMAN)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2516, to assist members of the Armed Forces in obtaining United States citizenship, and for other purposes; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Kendell Frederick Citizenship Assistance Act”.

SEC. 2. FINGERPRINTS AND OTHER BIOMETRIC INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, including section 552a of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the “Privacy Act of 1974”), the Secretary of Homeland Security shall use the fingerprints provided by an individual at the time the individual enlisted in the United States Armed Forces, or at the time the individual filed an application for adjustment of status, to satisfy any requirement for background and security checks in connection with an application for naturalization if—

(1) the individual may be naturalized pursuant to section 328 or 329 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1439, 1440);

(2) the individual was fingerprinted and provided other biometric information in accordance with the requirements of the Department of Defense at the time the individual enlisted in the United States Armed Forces;

(3) the individual—

(A) submitted an application for naturalization not later than 24 months after the date on which the individual enlisted in the United States Armed Forces; or

(B) provided the required biometric information to the Department of Homeland Security through a United States Citizenship and Immigration Services Application Support Center at the time of the individual's application for adjustment of status if filed not later than 24 months after the date on which the individual enlisted in the United States Armed Forces; and

(4) the Secretary of Homeland Security determines that the biometric information provided, including fingerprints, is sufficient to conduct the required background and security checks needed for the applicant's naturalization application.

(b) MORE TIMELY AND EFFECTIVE ADJUDICATION.—Nothing in this section precludes an individual described in subsection (a) from submitting a new set of biometric information, including fingerprints, to the Secretary of Homeland Security with an application for naturalization. If the Secretary determines that submitting a new set of biometric information, including fingerprints, would result in more timely and effective adjudication of the individual's naturalization application, the Secretary shall—

(1) inform the individual of such determination; and

(2) provide the individual with a description of how to submit such biometric information, including fingerprints.